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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TESTING A MEMORY DEVICE WITH COMPRESSED DATA USING A SINGLE OUTPUT

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## Determination of Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Extension is 0 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the 0 day extension on the front page.

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Applicant(s)

SEYYEDY ET AL.

Examiner

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Guy J. Lamarre, P.E.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/26/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, 21-25, 27-31, 34-36, 38, 41 and 43-45, now renumbered 1-26.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 29 January 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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*Guy J. Lamarre*

**Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114**

0. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, **the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.** Applicant's submission filed on 02/26/2004 has been entered.

0.1 Applicant's amendment along with the granted petition for extension of time of 02/26/2004 has been entered.

0.2 **Claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 26, 32-33, 37 and 39-40** are cancelled, **Claim 42** was previously cancelled. **Claims 2, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 27, 30-31, 34-36, 38, 41 and 43-45** are amended. **Claims 2-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, 21-25, 27-31, 34-36, 38, 41 and 43-45** remain pending.

0.3 The rejections of record are withdrawn in response to Applicants' Amendment.

**Reasons For Allowance**

1. **Claims 2-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, 21-25, 27-31, 34-36, 38, 41 and 43-45** are allowable over the prior art.

1.1 The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Upon further review of the case, prior art, and Applicant arguments, the Examiner concluded that the prior art did not qualify as a bar under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103. Such a determination was reached as a result of a sua sponte review of Applicant's arguments in the Amendment remarks of 02/26/2004, page 17 (paper #14).

Although reconsideration of said Amendment remarks sufficiently demonstrated that the cited prior art did not bar patentability of the claimed invention, Examiner further undertook a

final updated art search to determine whether any other art could preclude patentability of said claimed invention.

**The prior art is exemplified by Matsumura et al.** (US Patent No. 5,991,232), **Manning** (US Patent No. 6,032,274), **Chen et al.** (US Patent No. 6,324,602), and **Schober** (US Patent No. 6,297,668).

**Matsumura's** Fig. 23 depicts compression and testing means for double rate data transfer with synchronization on rising and falling edges of a clock signal (col. 22 lines 35-45) at "Logic Block 4j" including associated structure, synchronization and signal/address controlling means required therefor, such as means for applying voltages and timing stimulus to intermediate nodes, logic gate means (Fig. 19) made of transistor components, data storing or latching means (Latch circuit 4 a, c, e, g, k), timing and signal inverting means as in figs. 7, 28-29, e.g., *"The device is provided with a compression circuit 4j which compresses data of 256 bits issued from latch circuit 4e into data of 1 bits, and a latch 4k which transfers and applies a signal of 1 bit from compression circuit 4j to a pad 8p in accordance with test clock signal ETCLK. Structures other than the above are the same as those shown in FIG. 13."*

**Manning** discloses, in "Method and apparatus for compressed data testing of more than one memory array," synchronization techniques wherein *"Responsive to the test read command, each of the output drivers supplies either data or an error indicator at a unique edge of the respective internal data clock. The test outputs from a plurality of memory devices are provided to the test system at sequential edges of the clock in response to a single command. Compressed test data can thus be read at successive clock edges despite the command requiring a plurality of clock edges,"* and wherein *"Compressed test data can thus be read at successive clock edges despite the command requiring a plurality of clock edges"* at col. 5 line 25 et seq.

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**Chen et al.** discloses data compression/decompression means with comparator means to transfer data on rising and falling edges of a clock signal for a double data rate arrangement in col. 14 lines 14-54.

**Schober** discloses, in *"Serial device compaction for improving integrated circuit layouts,"* data stabilizer means made up of a network of pull-up transistors and pull-down transistors at col. 9 line 35 et seq., wherein *"The active pull-up branch of the slave latch output is reduced from the normal two or more series devices to a single pull-up device. To balance this drive strength, two series pull-down devices are used. To accomplish this, the normal pull-up series devices are moved from the output gate back into the clock inverter. The similar device from the master latch is also pulled into the clock inverter, where they become the same device. In this way, the inverted clock signal is eliminated, resulting in a flip-flop with a single-phase clock that has its race hazard with the master latch output eliminated. Through this technique, slow clocks incurred in very low voltage operation, or for other reasons, do not cause an error in flip-flop operation. This operation is race-free and this class of flip-flops is therefore called "race-free"* at col. 10 line 48 et seq.

However, no such art was discovered that discloses data compression means along with double rate data transfer means based on whether data values are the same or different, as claimed.

Accordingly, the claimed invention is in a position to be allowed.

**1.2** Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

**Conclusion**

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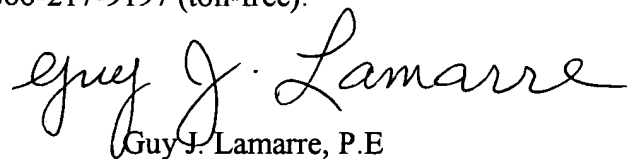
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert De Cady, can be reached on (703) 305-9595.

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